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Baxley Enters GE Suit

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — Calling the pollution of the Coosa River "the most serious single incident of industrial pollution" he had dealt with, Attorney General William J. Baxley announced Monday he was intervening in a suit against General Electric Co. and Monsanto Co.

Baxley asked the U.S. District Court here to issue an immediate injunction barring the further dischage of PCBs by GE's Rome, Ga., plant, and to award $100 million in actual damages to the state and its citizens and $100,000 in punitive damages.

The suit he was asked to join is a $1 billion class action suit filed by 3,000 businessmen, wildlife groups and property owners around Lake Weiss, which is part of the Coosa River.

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